Subsidy for Ginger Growers

2042. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for subsidy/loan for ginger growers in the country;

(b) if so, the procedures thereof; and

(c) the amount of subsidy/loan given to ginger growers during the last three years State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Government of India is providing 50% subsidy on selected items to ginger growers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Programme for development of Spices. The assistance is provided through the State Governments. The beneficiaries are selected by the State Government in potential areas.

(c) The State-wise assistance provided during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs) Amount

Name of the State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	Total
Andhra pradesh	—	—	3.73	3.73
Arunachal Pradesh	—	1.35	2.55	3.90
Assam	0.60	—	9.13	9.73
Haryana	—	0.90	0.90	1.80
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	43.91	43.91
Karnataka	0.36	—	—	0.36
Kerala	1.20	6.00	53.85	61.05
Madhya Pradesh	0.60	—	6.45	7.05
Manipur	—	—	0.83	0.83
Meghalaya	—	—	38.12	38.12
Mizoram	0.60	—	10.98	11.58
Rajasthan	—	—	0.09	0.09
Nagaland	—	—	0.8	0.08
Sikkim	2.40	1.20	18.83	22.43
Tamil Nadu	0.60	2.28	—	2.88
Tripura	—	—	2.02	2.02
Uttar Pradesh	0.60	—	—	0.60
Orissa	0.42	—	—	0.42
A & N Island	1.32	0.80	1 66	3.78

Modernisation of Bidhanbag Unit of BALCO

2043. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether MECON was engaged by the Union Government for recommending revamping/modernisation of the Bidhangbag Unit of BALCO

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether recommendations have been implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when all the recommendations of MECON will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (f) No Sir. However M/s. MECON were engaged by Bharat Aluminium

Company Ltd. (BALCO) for recommending modernisation of their Bidhanbag Unit. M/s. MECON submitted a report in June '87 for upgrading and modernising the Conductor Plant, Foil Plant, Extrusion Plant and some other facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 43.3 crores. The report was not found viable. MECON submitted a revised report in Dec '87 for revamping of only the Conductor Plant in two phases at an estimated cost of Rs. 196 lacs. Phase-I involved an investment of Rs. 75 lacs for production of 1000 tonnes of All Aluminium Alloy Conductors. This was implemented by BALCO but has run into operational problems. The Company has now given a turnkey contract to another contractor for streamlining and modernising the Conductor Plant.

उपसभापतिः नमस्कारः

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Namaskar, Madam.

उपसभापतिः जोर से सब को नमस्कार

डा०मुरली मनोहर जोशीः यह तो आपका दबदवा है कि आप आई और आवाज़ नहीं आई **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापतिः ऐसा कभी हो सकता है **(व्यवधान)** नमस्कार। **(व्यवधान)**

श्री चतुरानन मिश्रः बहुत दिनों के बाद हम लोग हंस रहे है।

उपसभापतिः कितना अच्छा लग रहा है। आप लोग हंस रहे हैं।

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1995 to Unstarred Question 2058 regarding norms of Charging fee for telecasting Advertisement

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): Madam, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1995, to Unstarred Question 2058 regarding norms of charging fee for telecasting advertisement. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 8539/95]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1994-95 of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MATANG SINGH): Madam on behalf of Shri Sitaram Kesri I lay on the Table a copy each (English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited. New Delhi, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.

[Placed. in Library. *See* No. LT-8392/95]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev.

SHRI MATANG SINH: Madam,... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, has he taken permission? *(Interruptions)* This cannot be allowed. *(Interruptions)* No, no. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't get angry. *(Interruptions)* All right.

Shri Eduardo Falciro. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MATANG SINGH: Madam.....*(Interruptions)*

उपसभापतिः संतोष मोहन देव जी ने नहीं रखा है **(व्यवधान)** आप बेठेंगे तभी में बोलूंगी।

This is on behalf of Mr. Eduardo Falciro. *(Interruptions)* *you*